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"Humanitarian Disaster"

Liberal, largest national circulation daily Folha de S. Paulo (8/1) editorialized: "The Bush administration's adventure in Iraq is a serious candidate to win the title of the largest political and military disaster in recent decades. The intervention, whose declared goals were to free the world from dictator Saddam Hussein's arms of mass destruction and bring democracy, respect for human rights and prosperity to Iraq, was a complete deception regardless from which point of view it is analyzed.... The invasion launched Iraq into a sectarian war that has already killed approximately 70,000 Iraqis...jeopardizing efforts to create an effective government and throwing that nation into an unprecedented humanitarian crisis.... The final evidence of the fiasco in Iraq is the US's inability to restore the nation's infrastructure.... And the situation today only tends to get worse."  
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